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***"RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES OF THE
SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES."***

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- 1 Strike Joint Rule 3 and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2 "3. (a) *Designation of Committees.* There shall be thirteen joint
- 3 standing committees, which shall consist of not more than nine
- 4 senators and not more than thirty-five representatives, except that the
- 5 joint standing committee on Ways and Means shall consist of not more
- 6 than eleven senators and not more than forty-five representatives; a
- 7 joint committee on Legislative Management, a joint committee on
- 8 Executive and Legislative Nominations and a joint committee on
- 9 Program Review and Investigations, constituted in accordance with
- 10 and subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this rule. Committees
- 11 shall consider all matters referred to them and report as required by
- 12 these rules.
- 13 (b) *Standing Committees.* The joint standing committees shall be

14 divided into Group A and Group B as follows:

15 GROUP A

16 (1) A committee on WAYS AND MEANS which shall have
17 cognizance of all matters relating to appropriations and the operating
18 budgets and all matters relating to state employees' salaries, benefits
19 and retirement, teachers' retirement and veterans' pensions and
20 collective bargaining agreements and arbitration awards for all state
21 employees. In addition, any bills or resolutions carrying or requiring
22 appropriations, and favorably reported by any other committee, except
23 the payment of claims by the state, shall be referred to the committee,
24 unless such reference is dispensed with by at least a two-thirds vote of
25 each house, provided the committee's consideration shall be limited to
26 their fiscal aspects and appropriation provisions of such bills or
27 resolutions and shall not extend to their other substantive provisions
28 or purpose, except to the extent that such other provisions or purpose
29 relate to the fiscal aspects and appropriation provisions of such bills.
30 All matters relating to finance, revenue, and taxation, and all bills on
31 such matters favorably reported by any other committee, and all
32 matters relating to the Department of Revenue Services and the
33 revenue aspects of the Division of Special Revenue shall be referred to
34 said committee. The committee's consideration shall be limited to the
35 financial provisions of such bills, such as finance, revenue, taxation
36 and fees, and shall not extend to their other substantive provisions or
37 purposes, except to the extent that such other provisions or purpose
38 relate to the financial provisions of such bills.

39 (2) A committee on CAPITAL PROJECTS which shall have
40 cognizance of all matters relating to capital bonding and all bills
41 involving bonding favorably reported by any other committee. The
42 committee's consideration of bills favorably reported by another
43 committee shall be limited to the provisions of such bills concerning
44 bonding and shall not extend to their other substantive provisions or
45 purposes, except to the extent that such other provisions or purposes
46 relate to bonding.

47 (3) A committee on EDUCATION which shall have cognizance of all
48 matters relating to the Department of Education; local and regional
49 boards of education and the substantive law of collective bargaining
50 covering teachers and professional employees of such boards;
51 vocational rehabilitation; the Commission on the Arts; and libraries,
52 museums and historical and cultural associations; all matters relating
53 to public and independent colleges and universities, the Department of
54 Higher Education including private occupational schools, the Board of
55 Governors of Higher Education, and post-secondary education.

56 (4) A committee on ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT which
57 shall have cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of
58 Environmental Protection, including conservation, recreation,
59 pollution control, fisheries and game, state parks and forests, water
60 resources and flood and erosion control; and all matters relating to the
61 Department of Agriculture, including farming, dairy products and
62 domestic animals; and all matters relating to the Department of Public
63 Utility Control and Energy.

64 (5) A committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND
65 STATE EMPLOYEES which shall have cognizance of all matters
66 relating to the Department of Administrative Services, including
67 purchasing and central collections; all matters relating to the
68 Department of Public Works and the Department of Information
69 Technology; all matters relating to state government organization and
70 reorganization, structures and procedures; all matters relating to
71 leasing, construction, maintenance, purchase and sale of state property
72 and facilities and all bills authorizing the conveyance of real property,
73 or any interest therein, by the state shall be referred to said committee;
74 the Freedom of Information Commission and the Ethics Commission;
75 state and federal relations; interstate compacts; compacts between the
76 state and Indian tribes; constitutional amendments, including any
77 proposed constitutional amendments favorably reported by any other
78 committee, which proposed amendments shall be referred to said
79 committee; all matters relating to elections and election laws; and all
80 matters relating to conditions of employment of state employees and

81 the substantive law of state employees' collective bargaining.

82 (6) A committee on JUDICIARY which shall have cognizance of all
83 matters relating to courts, judicial procedures, criminal law, probate
84 courts, probation, parole, wills, estates, adoption, divorce, bankruptcy,
85 escheat, law libraries, deeds, mortgages, conveyancing, real estate law,
86 preservation of land records and other public documents, uniform
87 laws except those uniform laws relating to business matters,
88 validations, authorizations to sue and to appeal, claims against the
89 state, all judicial nominations, all nominations of workers'
90 compensation commissioners, and all matters relating to the Judicial
91 Department and to the commission on Human Rights and
92 Opportunities; all bills carrying civil penalties which exceed the sum
93 of, or which may exceed in the aggregate, five thousand dollars; and
94 all bills carrying criminal penalties, other than infractions, favorably
95 reported by any other committee shall be referred to said committee,
96 provided the committee's consideration shall be limited to the criminal
97 penalties established in such bills and shall not extend to their
98 substantive provisions or purpose.

99 (7) A committee on PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
100 which shall have cognizance of all matters relating to local
101 governments, housing, urban renewal, fire, sewer and metropolitan
102 districts, home rule and planning and zoning; regional planning and
103 development activities and the state plan of conservation and
104 development and economic development programs impacting local
105 governments; all matters relating to conditions of employment of
106 municipal employees; and, the substantive law of municipal collective
107 bargaining. In addition, all bills that create or enlarge a state mandate
108 to local governments, as defined in subsection (a)(2) of section 2-32b of
109 the general statutes and favorably reported by any other committee
110 shall be referred to the committee.

111 (8) A committee on TRANSPORTATION which shall have
112 cognizance of all matters relating to transportation, including
113 highways and bridges, navigation, aeronautics, mass transit and

114 railroads; and to the Department of Transportation, the State Traffic
115 Commission and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

116 GROUP B

117 (9) A committee on BANKS AND INSURANCE which shall have
118 cognizance of all matters relating to banks, savings banks, bank and
119 trust companies, savings and loan associations, credit unions, the
120 supervision of the sale of securities, fraternal benefit societies, all
121 legislation dealing with secured and unsecured lending, and insurance
122 law.

123 (10) A committee on HUMAN SERVICES which shall have
124 cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of Social Services
125 and the Department of Children and Families, including institutions
126 under their jurisdiction; the office of Protection and Advocacy for
127 Persons with Disabilities; the commission on the Deaf and the Hearing
128 Impaired; and the Board of Education and Services for the Blind.

129 (11) A committee on PUBLIC HEALTH which shall have cognizance
130 of all programs and matters relating to the Department of Public
131 Health, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and
132 the Department of Mental Retardation; the commission on Hospitals
133 and Health Care; the office of Health Care Access; and all other matters
134 relating to health, including emergency medical services, all licensing
135 boards within the Department of Public Health, nursing homes, pure
136 foods and drugs, and controlled substances, including the treatment of
137 substance abuse.

138 (12) A committee on PUBLIC SAFETY, HOMELAND SECURITY,
139 VETERANS AND CORRECTIONS which shall have cognizance of all
140 matters relating to homeland security, the Department of Public Safety,
141 including state police, state organized task force on crime, municipal
142 police training, fire marshals, the fire safety code and the state building
143 code, civil preparedness, legalized gambling, and military and
144 veterans' affairs, except veterans' pensions, all matters dealing with
145 alcoholic beverages and all matters relating to the Department of

146 Correction.

147 (13) A committee on COMMERCE AND BUSINESS which shall
148 have cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of Economic
149 and Community Development, the Connecticut Development
150 Authority and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated; all matters
151 relating to the Department of Consumer Protection, fair trade and sales
152 practices, consumer protection, mobile homes and occupational
153 licensing, except licensing by the Department of Public Health; all
154 matters relating to workers' compensation, unemployment
155 compensation, conditions of employment, hours of labor, minimum
156 wages, industrial safety, occupational health and safety, labor unions
157 and labor disputes; all matters relating to the Department of Labor; the
158 law of business organizations including uniform laws related to
159 business matters; all matters related to telecommunications and
160 information systems; bills on employer contributions for
161 unemployment compensation programs; and job training institutions
162 and programs, apprenticeship training programs, adult job training
163 programs offered to the public by any state agency or funded in whole
164 or in part by the state, and the Office of Workforce Competitiveness.

165 (c) *Statutory Committees*. In addition, there shall be:

166 (1) A committee on LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT which shall
167 conduct the business affairs of the General Assembly. Said committee
168 shall consist of twenty members of the House who shall be the
169 Speaker, the deputy speakers, the majority leader, three members
170 appointed by the majority leader, four members appointed by the
171 Speaker, the minority leader and two deputy minority leaders
172 designated by the minority leader of the House and five members
173 designated by the minority leader of the House, thirteen members of
174 the Senate who shall be the President Pro Tempore, majority leader, a
175 deputy majority leader designated by the majority leader, and five
176 members of the Senate designated by the President Pro Tempore, the
177 minority leader, an assistant minority leader designated by the
178 minority leader and three members of the Senate designated by the

179 minority leader. In matters of legislative operations, it shall include the
180 legislative commissioners and the clerks of each house ex officio. The
181 joint committee shall be chaired by the President Pro Tempore and the
182 Speaker. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum and
183 all actions shall require the affirmative vote of a majority. At any
184 meeting, if a committee member present of either house requests, a
185 vote of the majority of the members present of each house shall be
186 required for approval of a question. It shall be responsible for the
187 operation of the General Assembly, coordination and supervision of
188 committee work, improvement of legislative operations and deciding
189 on matters of organization, procedures, facilities and working
190 conditions of the General Assembly, compensation of employees of the
191 legislative branch and selection and assignment of legislative interns.
192 All bills and resolutions relating to such matters shall be referred to
193 said committee. The committee shall also have cognizance of
194 legislative task forces and studies and shall be responsible for the
195 facilitation of positive relationships with the federal government and
196 other state governments.

197 (2) A committee on EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE
198 NOMINATIONS, the members of which shall be the majority leader of
199 the Senate or such leader's designee, the minority leader of the Senate
200 or such leader's designee, and four members of the Senate three of
201 whom shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore and one of
202 whom shall be appointed by the minority leader, and the majority
203 leader of the House or such leader's designee, the minority leader of
204 the House or such leader's designee, and fifteen members of the
205 House, nine of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker and six of
206 whom shall be appointed by the minority leader. All executive and
207 legislative nominations requiring action of either or both houses,
208 except judicial nominations and nominations of workers'
209 compensation commissioners, shall be referred to this committee.

210 (3) A committee on LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND
211 INVESTIGATIONS, the members of which shall be appointed as
212 provided in section 2-53e of the general statutes, except that any

213 member may be appointed to the committee, which may originate and
214 report any bill it deems necessary concerning a program, department
215 or other matter under review or investigation by the committee, in the
216 manner prescribed in these rules.

217 (d) *Committee Appointments.* Appointments of committee
218 members, except to fill a vacancy caused by death or incapacity or by
219 resignation from the General Assembly or a committee of the General
220 Assembly, shall be made on or before the fifth regular session day of
221 the first year of the term and, except as otherwise provided in the rules
222 of each house, shall be for the entire term for which the members were
223 elected. Committee appointments of a member elected after the fifth
224 regular session day of the first year of the term shall be made within
225 five calendar days after the member takes the oath of office, and may
226 be made, at the discretion of the appointing authority, to any
227 committee. Senate and House Committees shall be appointed and
228 organized in accordance with the rules of each house and members of
229 the minority party shall be appointed on nomination of the minority
230 leader of each house."

231 In Joint Rule 5(a)(2), strike "and the joint select committees"

232 In Joint Rule 5(b)(1), strike "committees on Appropriations and
233 Finance, Revenue and Bonding" and insert "committee on Ways and
234 Means" in lieu thereof

235 In Joint Rule 6(c)(iv), strike "Appropriations or Finance, Revenue
236 and Bonding" and insert "Ways and Means" in lieu thereof

237 In Joint Rule 7(a), strike "and select"

238 In Joint Rules 9(e) and 9(g), strike "Group B, the Legislative
239 Management committee and the select committees" and insert "Group
240 B and the Legislative Management committee" in lieu thereof

241 In Joint Rules 9(e) and 15(a), strike "Aging", "Children", "Housing",
242 "Veterans Affairs", "Energy and Technology", "General Law", "Higher

243 Education and Employment Advancement", "Insurance and Real
244 Estate", and "Labor and Public Employees"; strike "Appropriations"
245 and insert "Ways and Means" in lieu thereof; strike "Finance, Revenue
246 and Bonding" and insert "Capital Projects" in lieu thereof; strike
247 "Environment" and insert "Energy and Environment" in lieu thereof;
248 strike "Government Administration and Elections" and insert
249 "Government Administration and State Employees" in lieu thereof;
250 strike "Planning and Development" and insert "Planning, Development
251 and Housing" in lieu thereof; strike "Banks" and insert "Banks and
252 Insurance" in lieu thereof; strike "Public Safety" and insert "Public
253 Safety, Homeland Security, Veterans and Corrections" in lieu thereof;
254 and strike "Commerce" and insert "Commerce and Business" in lieu
255 thereof

256 In Joint Rule 15(e), strike "government administration and elections"
257 and insert "government administration and state employees" in lieu
258 thereof

259 In Joint Rules 19, 31(2)(a) and 31(6), strike "appropriations" and
260 "Appropriations" and insert "ways and means" in lieu thereof